

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 were elected for examination on the merits, withdrawn claims 14-22 are cancelled, new claims 23-28 are added, and claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer herein. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ashby et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,095,233, (hereinafter "Ashby").

Claim 1 has been cancelled and the features of claim 1 have been incorporated into claim 6 which was indicated as being allowed. The claims originally depending from claim 1 have been amended to depend from claim 6 and thus are now also believed allowable.

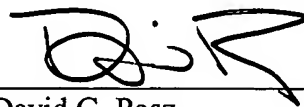
New claims 23-28, which correspond generally to claims 2-7, depend from claim 8, indicated allowable, and thus are also believed allowable. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,

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